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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN LEGISLATORS VISIT ASSEMBLY

1. TWO VENEZUELAN LEGISLATORS, JOSE RODRIGUEZ ITURBE AND LUIS ESTEBAN REY, MEMBERS OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO THE OAS CONFERENCE, MADE A COURTESY CALL ON THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON JULY 22 FOR A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES AND A RECEPTION.
2. COSTA RICAN DEPUTY AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA ROBERTO LOSILLA GAMBOA OFFICIALLY WELCOMED THE TWO VENEZUELAN ON BEHALF OF THE ASSEMBLY WITH A SPEECH WHICH STRESSED THE SIMILARITY OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND WHICH PRAISED VENEZUELAN COOPERATION WITH COSTA RICA.
3. IN TURN, RODRIGUEZ ITURBE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED DESCRIBING VENEZUELAN AS HAVING AN "INTRINSIC CONTINENTAL VOCATION" AND STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE DEMOCRATIC PLURALISM DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. HE ADDED THAT "WE CANNOT BE A LACKEY IN THE DIRTY GAME OF THE COLD WAR." TODMAN

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